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Agenda Item Name:

Solid Waste Commercial Haulers Displacement Hearing

Presenter:

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Description:

Public Hearing to consider the displacement of solid waste commercial haulers in unincorporated Alachua County

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation, public comments and provide direction to staff

Prior Board Motions:

March 12, 2020 -

1. Authorize staff to have discussions with WCA regarding potential extension scenarios under current agreement
2. Ask that staff begin to provide financial analysis back to the Board of what those different scenarios may look like
3. Notify commercial waste hauler of displacement hearing. Notification will follow the State Statutory process
4. Within 60 days bring back analysis of the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority 2018 Invitation to Bid for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services
5. Evaluate In-House Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Fiscal Consideration:

Fiscal considerations will vary depending on the direction from the Board

Background:

Alachua County currently has a contract with WCA Waste Corporation for the collection of residential solid waste in the unincorporated part of Alachua County. The current agreement has been in place since 2008 and it is set to expire on October 1, 2021. Under the terms of the agreement Alachua County has the option to extend services for an additional term not to exceed 5 years. Currently, commercial solid waste collection is performed by four franchised hauler in the unincorporated part of the County: WCA Waste Corporation, Waste Pro of Florida, Republic Services and Florida Express Environmental LLC. Commercial franchises are valid for one year. Current agreements are set to expire on October 1, 2020.

The Board of County Commissioners has expressed interest in exploring the option of displacing the current franchised commercial haulers and request proposals for a single residential and commercial

solid waste hauler in unincorporated Alachua County. In order to displace the current commercial haulers, the County must comply with the requirements of F.S. 403.70605(3) - Displacement of Private Waste Companies. Requirements include holding a least one Public Hearing to receive input; notifying the haulers at least 45 days in advance from the hearing; initiate measures to provide displaced services within 1 year of final displacement hearing; and provide 3 years notice to displaced companies or as an alternative pay an amount equal to the companies preceding 15 months gross receipts.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Board to receive staff's presentation and public comments and to provide direction to staff on the displacement of commercial solid waste haulers in the unincorporated part of the County. This decision will dictate staff's direction regarding the solid waste management options after the expiration of the current agreement on October 1, 2021. Staff is planning an additional presentation on September 8, 2020 to address the remaining items from the March 12, 2020 BoCC motion.